

# Historical Connections

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## Nebraska State Historical Society Joins Give Nebraska



We are proud to announce that the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has become a member of Give Nebraska, joining a distinguished network of nonprofit organizations dedicated to strengthening communities across the state.

Give Nebraska brings together nonprofits from a wide range of causes, from the arts and education to animal welfare and environmental advocacy, all united by a commitment to improving life in Nebraska. We are honored to stand alongside these organizations as part of the 2026 campaign.

Membership in Give Nebraska opens an exciting new avenue for connecting the mission of preserving Nebraska's history with donors who are passionate about making a difference close to home. Through employer-sponsored charitable giving campaigns, Nebraska workers can now more easily direct their support toward the causes that matter most to them, and we hope many will choose to invest in keeping Nebraska's history alive for future generations.

Preserving the stories, documents, and artifacts that define who we are as Nebraskans is a cause that touches every community in the state. Give Nebraska makes it simple for individuals and companies alike to support that work in a meaningful way.

We are grateful to be part of this effort and look forward to connecting with new donors and advocates through this wonderful network.



**Help Us Mark a Milestone:  
The Engineer Cantonment Campaign**



The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is proud to launch a fundraising campaign to support improvements at Engineer Cantonment, a significant historic Nebraska location north of present-day Omaha.

The Foundation plans to create a small vehicle turnout at the site, accompanied by thoughtfully designed interpretive panels and an official Nebraska State Historical Society historical marker. These improvements will make this extraordinary chapter of Nebraska and American history visible and accessible to the public for the first time.

Thanks to our Cantonment neighbors, Nancy and Mike McCarthy, we have secured funding for nearly half the cost of the project. Their leadership gift allows us to invite others to join in matching their support to bring this vision fully to life. We invite you to stand with them in bringing this important project to completion.

We are seeking approximately \$18,000 in matching funds to complete the project. Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be permanently recognized on the interpretive panels—an opportunity to stand alongside the McCarthys in preserving and interpreting this nationally significant site.

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about this fascinating piece of history and to make your gift today.

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## Nebraska Takes the National Stage at the Great American State Fair



This summer, as the nation celebrates 250 years of American history, Nebraska will stand proudly among all 50 states and territories on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Great American State Fair runs June 25 through July 10, 2026, and Nebraska's pavilion will be there to tell our state's story to the world.

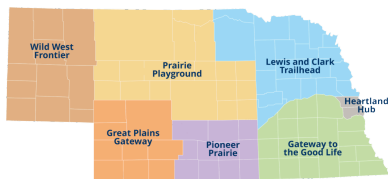
With millions of visitors expected alongside national media coverage, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to showcase Nebraska's past, present, and future. The pavilion will feature interactive exhibits highlighting our state's leadership in agriculture, innovation, and the enduring values that have shaped Nebraska's identity from its earliest days to now.

Your support helps bring this vision to life. To learn more about the pavilion and how you can be part of this historic moment, visit the link below.

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## WanderNebraska 2026 Booklet Preorders Now Available



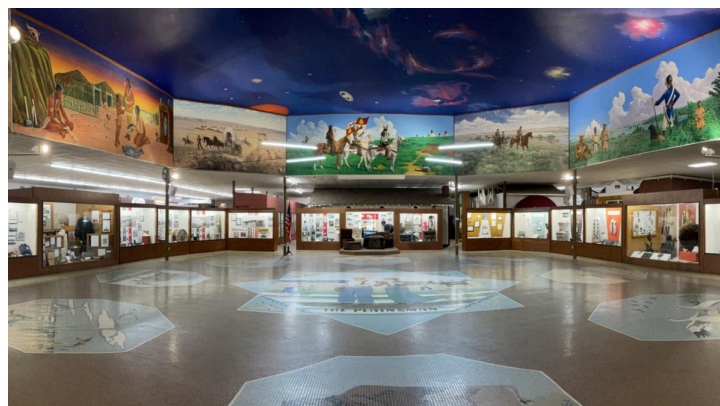
Exciting news: WanderNebraska 2026 is quickly approaching and this year's booklets, including information on the 254 sites participating, are now available for preorder! In 2025, the Foundation distributed more than 10,500 booklets to explorers across the state and nation, and we can't wait to see where 2026 takes us.

To help keep this beloved free statewide travel experience going strong, we are asking for \$5 per booklet this year, with a limit of three per order. This small contribution helps cover the growing cost of postage so we can continue sharing Nebraska's stories far and wide. Booklets will be mailed in mid-April, and free copies will still be available for pickup at any WanderNebraska site.

Looking for more ways to explore? Our new free WanderNebraska mobile app launches April 1, and the full 2026 season opens May 1 at [WanderNebraska.com](http://WanderNebraska.com).

Preorder your booklet today and thank you for being part of this wonderful community of Nebraska explorers!

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# Don't Miss the Pioneer Prairie Adventure Tour Deadline - Register by March 19, 2026!

Don't miss your chance to sign up for the first WanderNebraska Adventure Tour of the 2026 season! From April 21-22, explore the best south-central Nebraska has to offer on our Pioneer Prairie "Second Chance" tour.

One year ago, we embarked on the Pioneer Prairie tour for the first time, but a blizzard shut down large parts of Nebraska and cut our plans short. This year, we're revisiting the sites we missed, as well as adding some exciting new stops to the itinerary. This tour will be great fun for last year's tour attendees as well as history and travel lovers adventuring with us for the first time!

The all-inclusive cost for two days is \$706 per person for double occupancy, and \$787 per person for single occupancy. Please visit the tour webpage to learn more and purchase your tickets by the March 19 deadline.

We look forward to adventuring with you soon!

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## WanderNebraska: The Great Road Trip

We are excited to announce the date for our 2026 **WANDERNEBRASKA: THE GREAT ROADTRIP!** Mark your calendars for August 21st so you don't miss the fun.

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